

EARL LI CRITICALLY ILL.

The Chinese Diplomat Said to Be Dying at Peking.

Reports Received in London Via Shanghai.—The Court Decides Not to Return to the Capital Before October—Demand of the French.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Numerous reports have been received here today to the effect that Earl Li Hung Chang, the Chinese peace commissioner, is dying at Peking. One London newspaper prints a despatch from Shanghai, stating that it is believed in that city that the aged Celestial diplomat cannot recover. Another despatch states that he is known to be critically ill, but that his death is not expected.

Reports from Shanghai are not to be accepted without question, and as no tidings have been received here direct from Peking, many hesitate to believe that the earl is in a dying condition.

It is known, however, that Li Hung Chang has been in poor health for a long time and not a great while ago he was reported as critically ill. If he should die, it is feared here that serious complications are likely to follow, since there are many questions yet to be decided by the representatives of the Powers and the Chinese peace envoys.

Another disquieting report has been received here, via Shanghai, to the effect that the Empress Dowager, the Emperor, and their court have decided not to return to Peking before October. It was decided some time since that the return should be made in September, and the despatches give no explanation of the change in plans. The reason to be assigned by the court is awaited here with considerable interest.

A third report from China says that France has demanded a concession for steamboats on the Grand Canal. This is thought to be an inopportune time to make such a demand and may cause trouble between the Powers and the representatives of the Chinese Government.

AFFAIRS AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

Mr. Chamberlain Announces a Change in British Control.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—In the House of Commons today, Colonial Secretary Chamberlain stated that in future the Colonial Office instead of the Admiralty would take charge of affairs at Wei-hai-wei.

WARSHIPS REACH AMOY.

British Vessels Arrive There Under Scaled Orders.

HONGKONG, Aug. 2.—The Amoy correspondent of the "Hongkong Daily Press" wires his paper today that the British battleship Glatton and the cruisers Daphne and Eclipse have arrived at that place.

There is no trouble of any kind there. It is not known where the cruiser Pigmy is. She left here at the same time as the other vessels. They were all under scaled orders. No reports of trouble at that place have been received here.

POISONED BREAD DISCOVERED.

Numbers of Persons Taken Ill at Prague.

PRAGUE, Aug. 2.—Excitement has been caused here by the discovery that much of the bread eaten by the inhabitants had been poisoned. A large number of persons have been taken seriously ill and some of them may die.

The symptoms indicate that the poison used was arsenic. There is yet no solution of the mystery.

VERITABLE WINS THE RACE.

Mr. Gardner's Horse Takes a Plate at Goodwood.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—At Goodwood today the race for the two-year-old selling plate of 100 sovereigns was won by Frank Gardner's Veritable. E. A. Wolff's Treadmill was second, and J. Porter's Heather Fire third. Seven horses ran. The betting was 5 to 1 against Veritable and Treadmill, and even for Heather Fire. Clem Jones rode the winner and L. Reiff had the mount on Treadmill.

THE EXPLOSION AT BATUM.

Thirty Russian Soldiers Killed and Sixty Receive Injuries.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 2.—It is officially announced that in the recent explosion at Batum eight casemates of the fort, two magazines, and a commissariat store were destroyed. Thirty soldiers were killed and sixty injured.

AN OCEAN RACE TO YOKOHAMA.

An American Oil Steamer Pitted Against a Fast British Vessel.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The Standard Oil Company's new American-built ship Acme left this port yesterday with nearly 25,000 gallons of oil bound for Yokohama, and everyone bound for New York Harbor knows that she will try her utmost to beat the big British ship Brilliant, chartered by the same company, which left here on Monday last for the same port. The voyage is practically a race half-way around the world between the American and British vessels.

The latter is somewhat larger than the Acme. In fact, it is said she is the biggest sailing ship that has visited this port since the days of the Great Republic. She has also a larger crew, but, nevertheless, the skipper of the American ship is confident that he will reach Yokohama as soon, if not ahead, of the British vessel. The Brilliant made quite a speedy voyage across the Atlantic from the Clyde where she was built. She carried over a larger cargo of oil than the Acme. The latter was built by the Seawalls, of Maine, and this is her first voyage.

While the officers of the Standard Oil Company deny that there is a race between the two ships they readily discuss the merits of each and the skippers themselves are more than willing.

To Open a Treaty Port.

HONGKONG, Aug. 2.—The Commissioner of Customs left Wu-chau, West River, Wednesday for Nanning to open the latter as a treaty port.

A British Torpedo Boat Sinks.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Torpedo boat 51 sank off Alderney today. There were no casualties.

Chesapeake Beach "Department Limited."

Leaves District Line station weekdays 5 p. m. Fast train, no stops.

Finest Cabinet Oak, 6 cents—

—best quality, at 6th and N. Y. ave.

SEIZURE OF THE MASHONA.

A Decision for the Plaintiffs Rendered in London.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—In the suit of Macle, Dunn & Co. against Donald Currie & Co., owners of the Castle line, and Buckle Brothers, managers of the American-African line, for damages on account of the seizure of the British ship Mashona, which was carrying a cargo of mail and other foodstuffs destined for the Transvaal, judgment was rendered today in favor of the plaintiffs.

The court found the defendants guilty of negligence in putting goods on a vessel which there were others that were able to seize. The judgment for the plaintiffs also covers the costs. The amount of damages is to be settled between the parties interested. Notice of appeal was filed. Six similar cases depend upon the decision in this case.

KRUGER'S AMERICAN VISIT.

A Report That He Will Come at the End of August.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—According to the Brussels correspondent of the "Morning Post," Mr. Kruger's departure for the United States is fixed for the end of August.

ATTACKED A BOER LAAGER.

British Scouts Defeat the Burgheers at Joubert's Farm.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—A despatch from Durban, Natal, says that on the night of July 29 British scouts broke up a Boer laager at Joubert's farm.

The Boers had seven killed and a few wounded. The British had no casualties. Nine Boers were taken prisoners and sixty horses and 200 cattle were captured.

THE MANILA AT BERMUDA.

Six Hundred and Twenty Boer Prisoners Brought Over.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 2.—The British transport Manila with 620 Boer prisoners on board arrived here this morning. They were landed later in the day.

SAID TO BE STOWAWAYS.

Twenty Persons Taken From the Steamer Nord America.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Dennis Reardon, of the steam pilot boat New York, brought the Norwegian fruit steamer Alliance into port this morning. On reaching quarantine he stated that at dark last evening the outward-bound Italian steamer Nord America had cleared the harbor after dropping Godby, a pilot. The pilots on the New York shortly afterward were attracted by the incessant blowing of the steamer's whistle.

The New York then bore down to the Nord America, and on approaching the steamer the captain stated he had twenty stowaways on board whom he wished to land. The pilot boat's yawl made four trips to the steamer and transferred the twenty stowaways to the deck of the New York. The people derided that they were stowaways; said they were passengers, but had been robbed of their tickets and money. They were made comfortable on board the New York and were landed at Staten Island this morning.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH PLANS.

Western Companies Prepare to Establish Commercial Systems.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 2.—W. L. Mercey, superintendent of the Pere Marquette system, has announced that his company would in the near future install wireless telegraphy between Manitowish and Ludington, over 150 miles of open water. Later on the Pere Marquette Company expects to equip all of its steamers with the system.

It also announced that the Northwestern Wireless Telegraph Company of Chicago, is moving ahead on its plan to connect this city with Chicago by commercial wireless telegraph.

FIVE STEERS CAUSE A PANIC.

Jersey City Watchman Badly Gored by One of Them.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Five Texas steers, which were in the corral of the Jersey City Abattoir Company, broke loose and went on a rampage through Jersey City this morning, frightening scores of persons as they went.

Curran, a watchman, was badly gored by one of the animals. The steers, which were finally shot except one, which took refuge in the Jersey meadows and is still at large.

CLAIMS HE WAS ROBBED.

A Woman Charged With the Larceny of \$100 From a Man.

A warrant was placed in the hands of Detectives Trumbo and Tyler this afternoon for Mary Flanagan, alias Abbie Stewart, charging her with grand larceny. It was sworn out by Clarence Spear, who is stopping at the St. Charles Hotel, 65-12 Pennsylvania Avenue, and accuses the woman of the larceny of four \$100 bills from Spear.

Spear called at Police Headquarters early this morning and reported that he had been robbed of the four crisp gold certificates of the denominations of \$100 each, by a woman who was standing in front of the physician's house when he became frightened and ran down Pennsylvania Avenue east, to Fourth Street, colliding with a bicycle belonging to C. E. Rindon. The wheel, which is valued at \$40, was badly damaged.

A short distance further on the runaway horse dashed into an express wagon throwing out a load of furniture and damaging it to the extent of \$65. The furniture belonged to W. L. Vitell, of 36 Pennsylvania Avenue, and the wagon to Michael Robinson. The horse was badly injured and the buggy to which he was attached was practically demolished.

INUNDATED BY A CLODBURST.

Great Damage Reported From a Town in Utah.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 2.—A despatch from Matti says a cloudburst there inundated the city and did great damage.

When the flood subsided the city was covered with debris. A number of large buildings were washed out. The Matti Creek overflowed its banks and added to the flood.

Knights of Columbus.

Embarkation Day Recalled.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will sell, August 2, and for all trains, round-trip tickets between Washington and Atlantic City, good to return until Tuesday, August 6, at rate of \$6, good via Delaware Bridge route.

New W. P. Doors, \$1.00.

each, 1½ inch, at 6th and N. Y. ave.

DENIED BY CHEN-YI-CHIANG

The Chinese Consul at Manila Answers His Accusers.

He Asserts That the Washington Commissioner is Investigating the First Secretary's Conduct—Reports of a New Revolution Contradicted.

MANILA, Aug. 2.—Chen Yi-Chiang, the Chinese Consul here, who has been accused of "sneaking" in order to recoup himself for the 10,000 taels which, it is alleged, he paid to Li Hung Chang for securing his appointment, denies that the commissioner who has arrived here from the Chinese Legation at Washington, is investigating charges against him. The commissioner, the consul says, is investigating the conduct of the first secretary. The consul adds:

"The only foundation for the allegation that I purchased my post is based on the fact that I contributed 10,000 taels for the relief of the famine sufferers at Jesso, Manchuria, prior to my appointment."

There is no question but that charges and counter-charges will be made on both sides.

The resignation of five members of the directorate of the Federal party because of their having been appointed to official positions means that there will be a reorganization of that party. Felipe Buencamino will probably be elected president of the reorganized body.

The Spanish newspapers ridicule the exaggerations printed in American newspapers here to the effect that a new revolution is budding in Rizal Province—the new province formed of Manila and Morong.

The Spanish papers say the so-called revolutionists are merely lawless persons who are unable to settle down to peaceful conditions. The story probably arose from the recent discovery by the police of the existence of an underground society.

Major Maus, of the medical corps, has been appointed insular health commissioner, and H. M. Robinson, assistant director of posts. The Government will probably arm the insular constabulary and municipal police with rifles purchased from the insurgents by the army. These rifles will be purchased from the army by the civil authorities out of the funds now on hand.

GENERAL CORBIN AT JOLO.

The Sultan Holds a Reception in Honor of Americans.

JOLO, P. I., Aug. 2.—(Ap. m.)—Adjutant General Corbin and his party arrived yesterday and were received by the Sultan. They found that the Sultan was fighting the rebellious Datu Calve and Joaquin, fifteen miles away in the mountains.

Couriers were dispatched to notify the Sultan of the arrival of the party and the travel-stained Sultan and his retinue returned in the evening. There was a reception to the visitors by the ruler and his court, with a guard of honor of 100 mounted men, and a band of music.

The Sultan represents that he expects the early subjugation of the rebellious Datu. This will close a cycle in which only forty men have been killed during two months of fighting. The Sultan does not concern the Americans at all, being entirely confined to the Moros over whom the Sultan will soon regain control.

Adjutant General Corbin presented a handsome pair of binoculars to the Sultan who immediately returned to his camp.

PRAISED BY MACARTHUR.

His Final Order Commands the Soldiers in the Philippines.

In bidding farewell to the soldiers in the Philippines General MacArthur spoke feelingly of their courage and devotion to the flag. Copies of a general order issued by him upon the departure of the command to General Chaffee were received at the War Department this morning. The order follows:

"Manila, P. I., July 4, 1901. In obedience to orders, the military command in the Philippines and all functions attaching to the military government, are hereby transferred to Major General Adna R. Chaffee, United States Army."

In thus terminating his office in the archipelago, the undersigned desires to pay a warm tribute of admiration and respect to the troops of the United States who, under his command, have achieved results which cannot be adequately rewarded. All men who have served honestly and faithfully in the Philippines, and who have shown the highest qualities of courage and fortitude, and who have achieved results which cannot be adequately rewarded. All men who have served honestly and faithfully in the Philippines, and who have shown the highest qualities of courage and fortitude, and who have achieved results which cannot be adequately rewarded.

Accordingly it is a great pleasure to accord to the favorable consideration of the distinguished officers and soldiers of the command a body of troops so thoroughly familiar with the best traditions of the profession, and so devoted to the good work in the field.

"Major General, U. S. Army."

AN EXCITING RUNAWAY.

The Horse of a Physician Causes Considerable Damage.

A horse attached to a buggy belonging to Dr. J. A. Stutenburgh, of 26 Pennsylvania Avenue southeast, ran away about noon today and spread destruction in its track. The horse was standing in front of the physician's house when it became frightened and ran down Pennsylvania Avenue east, to Fourth Street, colliding with a bicycle belonging to C. E. Rindon. The wheel, which is valued at \$40, was badly damaged.

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A Mother Seeks Her Child.

Habes Corpus Proceedings Filed by Mary E. Dellinger.

A petition for writ of habes corpus was filed today by Mary E. Dellinger, a mother, who requests the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to give her the custody of her infant child, Stella, which she declares, is now being held by her husband, Frank M. Dellinger. The court is asked to direct the production of the child and show cause why the baby should not be given permanently into the custody of the petitioner.

Justice Clabaugh has set the case for hearing on next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Dellinger states that she and Frank M. Dellinger were married on June 21, 1897, and that until recently they lived together at 524 School Street. The petitioner declares her husband visited her at her home, 180 V Street northwest, and took the child away upon pretence of taking her for an outing to Mount Pleasant. He subsequently refused to return the child, and that she, the petitioner, would never see her again.

The petitioner avers that her husband is not a proper custodian for the child. Dellinger is represented by Messrs. Wilson & Harkside, attorneys.

B. & O. Week End Country Trips.

Tickets sold Saturdays and Sundays, for round-trip, including hotel, and return via Washington to Charlottesville, Frederick, Annapolis Junction, and intermediate points.

\$2.50 Special Saturday Trip \$2.50.

To "Old Point," Norfolk, Va.; Beach, Ocean View, and Newport News, via Norfolk and Washington steamer, 6:30 p. m. Round trip, \$2.50.

New Shingles, best kind, 85¢—

625 size, by Libbey & Co.

A WARSHIP NOT NEEDED.

Department Officials' Decision in the Venezuelan Matter.

The Department of State has received no information in regard to the result of the invasion of Venezuela by revolutionists from Colombia. The belief is expressed here that cable communication with Venezuela has been interrupted either by the cutting of the land lines or the destruction of the cables. The announcement from W. W. Russell, the Secretary of the American Legation, Wednesday that invaders were coming into Venezuela came to the State Department from San Juan, Porto Rico, to which point it was sent by wire.

The necessity for an American warship in South American waters at this time was discussed today by Rear Admiral Schuyler and Acting Secretary of State Bryan. It was agreed that the information at hand does not show the necessity for sending a vessel to Venezuela. The trouble, if any, between Venezuela and insurgents organized in Colombia is through the mailing from American interests, and for the present no action will be taken toward sending a vessel there.

ALLEGED BAD INSULATION.

A Suit to Recover \$10,000 for the Death of a Lineman.

Charles H. Merrill, administrator of the estate of Martin L. Donaldson, deceased, today filed suit to recover \$10,000 damages from the District of Columbia, against the United States Electric Light and Power Company.

The plaintiff alleges that Morton L. Donaldson, deceased, a lineman in the employ of the District of Columbia, was killed on August 28, 1900, while performing his duty on a pole of the Western Union Telegraph Company on Thirty-second Street, near M Street northwest, and that his death occurred as a result of negligence on the part of the United States Electric Light and Power Company, in permitting high voltage wires on the Canal Road to be in a "dangerous and defective insulated condition, and to come into contact with a clock, or time, wire which carried the current of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office in West Washington and the Georgetown University."

The plaintiff alleges that on account of defective insulation of high voltage wires along the floor of the roof of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the dangerous proximity and careless stringing of the wires and the clock or time wire, the powerful electric current was conducted to the clock, transferred into the city of Washington, and the dangerous proximity of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the District of Columbia.

One of the poles alleged to have received this current was at Thirty-second Street and M Street, the plaintiff alleged to have received a shock in consequence of which he came to his death.

The suit is brought for the benefit of Mary A. Donaldson, and Franklin A. Donaldson, widow and father of the deceased, respectively.

DEATH DUE TO AN ACCIDENT.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury in the Vogelweid Case.

At the conclusion of the inquest which was held at the New Jersey Avenue police station at 11 o'clock this morning, enquiring into the circumstances attending the death of Andrew Vogelweid, who fell from the top of a building, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that the death was due to an accident. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the death was due to an accident.

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STEEL WORKERS TO FIGHT

Expectation of a Declaration of War at Pittsburgh.

Labor Leaders Incensed by Mr. Morgan's Refusal to Make Further Concessions—Samuel Gompers in Communication With Mr. Shaffer.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 2.—There is every reason to believe that either today or tomorrow the leaders of the steel workers will sound the tocsin for a war to the death with the Morgan Trust. It is certain that Mr. Shaffer and his colleagues now have in their possession the letter from Mr. Morgan, stating that the Steel Trust can make no further concessions and intimating that the Amalgamated Association may do what it pleases in the matter of its controversy with the combine.

The general executive board of the association is face to face with a crisis and there is a battle in prospect that promises to wreck the organization. It is understood that the trust magnates are fully prepared for anything that may happen and quite willing to try their ability to crush the steel workers' union.

The practical men connected with the combine are heartily in favor, it is said, of finishing the fight now. They believe it can be won in a comparatively short time without having a serious effect upon either business or politics, especially as they are confident that a large percentage of the workmen are not in sympathy with the movement and are even the ranks of organized labor are not solid.

If the strikers had not been listened to as long as they had anything to say, public opinion might have been aroused in their favor, but the strikers, it is argued, have lost the powerful outside influence by refusing to endorse the contract made Saturday between representatives of the workers' organization and chief officers of the United States Steel Corporation.

The official document, in which it is positively said that there can be no settlement of the present strike on any other terms than those presented at the conference on Saturday, was mailed last night, and it is believed is now under discussion.

During the forenoon, officials of the Amalgamated Association were in consultation with Samuel Gompers, President of the Federation of Labor. Gompers has been sick at his home in Washington, D. C., but was able today to go to the long distance telephone.

The "Commercial Gazette" owned by the Oliviers, who, before the consolidation of the wire and the United States corporation, were among the foremost manufacturers of this State, says today that J. P. Morgan has flatly refused to open the scale conference with the Amalgamated Association. It is claimed that Mr. Morgan wired his verdict last night and that a letter addressed to President Shaffer was sent.

According to the story, the powers of the Steel Combine insist in this communication that the terms of settlement are those laid down in New York last Saturday. These conditions are said by the majority of the members of the advisory board to be the most unjust ever proposed to any body of workmen by any set of employers or a corporation. The executive committee, it is said, is already on record to the effect that it cannot afford to accept the terms.

MR. HANNA GOING TO CANTON.

May Urge the President to Settle the Strike.

CANTON, Ohio, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Hanna has arrived in this city, and it is the gossip of the day that she will urge the President to settle the strike.

It is said that the Senator will join his wife here shortly, and that he will take advantage of his visit to review the steel strike situation with the President in the hope of obtaining Mr. McKinley's aid in settling the trouble.

DOCK TROUBLES BREWING.

A Strike Likely to Extend to All Lake Erie Ports.

BUFFALO, Aug. 2.—Dock troubles which may assume serious aspects in a few days are brewing in this city. Action already has been taken by the longshoremen and men have agreed not to handle the freight of the Anchor Line boats in this city. It is said the Anchor Line boats are to be tabooed in every one of the lake ports and that the local action is only an incident in the situation. The strike is said to be wholly a sympathetic one, resulting from the troubles at Erie, Pa., which have been in progress for some time.

Tonight there will be a special meeting of the Harbor Truck Drivers and Longshoremen's Protective Association. The purpose of the meeting is not made public, but it is said the object is to call out on strike the harbor truck drivers and longshoremen, and to hold a meeting to be held in other lake ports. Where no meetings are to be held taken in lake ports, the action to be taken in Buffalo will be followed.

A Colliery Resumes Operations.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 2.—Work was resumed at the Moccasin colliery this morning after an idleness of two months. The men went on strike, and when at the end of a couple of weeks they were ready to return to work the company had decided to shut down indefinitely and make repairs.

The Pay of Army Cooks.

L. P. Mitchell, Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury, today held that cooks of volunteer organizations enlisted or appointed under provisions of the act of July 2, 1890, retained in service after March 2, 1890, but not appointed as authorized by the last-named act, were entitled to the pay and allowances of corporals of the arm of the service to which they belong, and to the pay and allowances of a sergeant of infantry.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Via B. & O. Saturday and Sunday.

August 3 and 4. Tickets good to return until Tuesday, August 6, at rate of \$1.25, good via Delaware Bridge route.

New Rustle Siding, \$1.50.

only per 100 ft., at 6th and N. Y. ave.

ADMIRAL KIMBERLY EXCUSSED.

Relieved From Service on the Schley Court of Enquiry.

The Navy Department today granted Rear Admiral Kimberly's request that he be relieved from duty on the Court of Enquiry to investigate the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley. His successor has not yet been selected. Admiral Kimberly's letter to the department and a reply by Acting Secretary Hackett were made public.

Following is the correspondence between Admiral Kimberly and the Navy Department:

"West Newton, Mass., July 29, 1901. Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of receipt of a Court of Enquiry which is to convene on the 12th of September, in which I am named as a member. I regret to have to request that I may be detached from said duty, owing to disability from a weak heart and its attending complications, being under medical treatment for the same."